



Heworth Without Parish Council NEWSLETTER

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Long-awaited seat at bus stop gets go ahead

In the September Newsletter we advised that following a request from over 70 residents, many of whom have mobility issues, the Parish Council had agreed to install a bench next to the bus stop on the Ashley Park Bridge. Several objections were received from neighbouring residents who feared that this seat would become a rendezvous for the delinquent young, as a decade or so ago the bus shelter on the adjacent site had been. The Parish Council took the view that circumstances had changed, the secondary school, for example had departed and it was the shelter, not the seat that had attracted the disturbers of the peace. We undertook, however, to keep a close and careful eye on the social world of this seat and to intervene if untoward developments occurred.



The long interval of time between our decision and the appearance of the seat has been due to City of York Council's wish to have the opinion/approval of Ward Councillor Nigel

Ayre regarding the project. Ward Councillor Ayre felt that he needed to satisfy himself that there were indeed 74 genuine local signatures on the petition and that there was not a significant body of objectors. He has now satisfied himself on both counts and York Council has been so informed.

The seat, will arrive shortly and Councillor Perrett, long champion of this facility, will officially open it by sitting on it.

Subsidised taxi scheme could be coming to Heworth Without

Do you find that at the time you wish to travel by bus - particularly in the evenings or on a Sunday – there aren't any available?

At a recent Parish Council meeting, John Bibby outlined the work of the York Bus Forum (YBF), which operates in Rawcliffe. The aim of the forum is "to get York people where they want to be, when they want to be there, in a manner that is reliable, comfortable and efficient". The Forum started in 2016 as a response to City of York Council's proposals to cut many evening and Sunday services, when it mounted a strong campaign encouraging parish councils and residents associations to oppose the planned cuts. A number of ward councillors and other individuals across the city supported the campaign, resulting in a reduction in the proposed scale of cuts.

Heworth Without Parish Council would welcome the views of residents as to whether there would be a demand for a service in the Heworth area. The scheme allows residents to pre-book a taxi or minibus for either an individual or several passengers at a discounted rate of £1 per trip. The subsidy would be made by the Parish Council with Ward funding. There is a cost to this service which would have to be funded by grants which your Parish Council would apply for, but the scheme would not affect your council tax.

Send your views to the Parish Council (see below).



Single decker advertising the All York bus ticket (Photo: G Collett)

Contact us!

Keep in touch on Facebook (@heworth.without.parish.council), visit www.heworthwithout.org.uk, email the Clerk to the Parish Council at clerk.hwpc@gmail.com or telephone 07410 976367. The Parish Council meets on the third Monday each month at the Heworth Without Community Centre, 34 Applecroft Road, York YO31 0HG. If you have a matter you would like the Parish Council to discuss, please come along – no need to pre-book, just turn up for 7pm.

Get ready to bloom

In order to improve the look of the street scene, a small project undertaken by the Parish Council during the autumn involved the planting of over two thousand spring bulbs in the grass verges at the junction of Galtres Avenue and Galtres Road and also at Applecroft Road and Ashley Park Crescent junction. We hope to be able to undertake further planting of bulbs and even some trees at other grass junctions within the parish again during the autumn of 2018, subject to permission from CYC and Highways Agency.

Could life be a picnic this summer?

In 2017, a great deal of improvement work was done within the play area, which is managed by the Parish Council. During the next few months a new piece of upper body strength equipment will be installed and the Parish Council is looking to improve the small football area at the rear of the play park. In addition, the creation of a picnic area with seating behind the play park and away from any of the local residents is being considered and the Parish Council would very much like to hear what you think about this idea. **Send your views to the Parish Council, see below.**

Please be aware that there are a number of parking spaces in front of the Heworth Without Community Centre which are available for people using the play park. For the safety of those using the park visitors are asked to use these spaces and not park in front of the park gates.

There have been some recent incidents of vandalism around the play area in recent months. Please support your community by reporting anti-social behaviour at the play area or elsewhere in the Parish to the police.

Big Spring Clean

In March last year the first ever Great British Spring Clean was launched when more than 13,000 events were co-ordinated by over 300 local authorities including our own efforts in Heworth Without. This year, the event will take place over the weekend of 2-4th March. Volunteers of all ages from across the parish are invited to take part.

More details will be available on the notice boards immediately prior to the event.



New Councillor for Heworth Without



Following the resignation of Parish Councillor Jenny Laycock due to work commitments, the Parish Council is delighted to announce that Parish Councillor Margarete Wells (pictured)

was co-opted at the November meeting of the Parish Council. We welcome Margarete to the Parish Council and thank Jenny for her work and the fact that she continues to do the setting of this newsletter on our behalf.

Come and work with us: Latest vacancies

Would you like a job that helps support your local community? The Parish Council currently has a vacancy for a groundsman (or woman) to look after the Stray Road Play Area. The role involves working around 15 hours per month to maintain the Stray Road Play Area and playing field. Full training will be given, but you need a full, clean UK driving licence along with experience in the use of tractor mounted equipment and ride on mowers.



If you are interested in this position, you can obtain the full job description (including pay rates) and instructions on how to apply from the Parish Clerk, details below. The closing date for applications is 15 February 2018.

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